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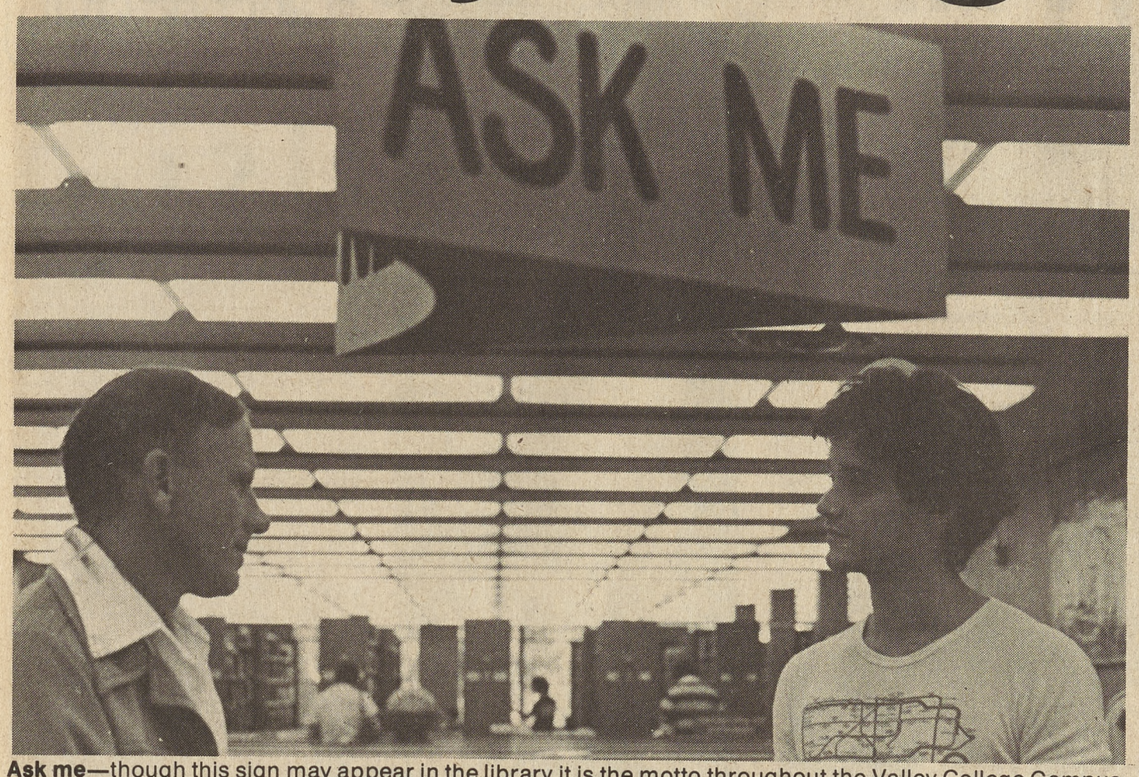

Ask me—though this sign may appear in the library it is the motto throughout the Valley College Campus.

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LOS ANGELES VALLEY COLLEGE

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Enrollment a Breeze: Average Time Only 31 Minutes at Valley

Contrary to visions of long winding lines through buildings, it takes only 31 minutes, on the average, to enroll at Valley College after completing a registration form and getting an enrollment appointment.

The registration form is a one page simple questionaire which takes only a few minutes to complete.

Enrollment is by scheduled appointment, which can be obtained in the Administration Building. Applications are accepted in the Admissions Office and an enrollment appointment issued.

To ensure a greater selection of open classes, though, apply early. The application deadline for regular enrollment is January 12 but late applications will be accepted from January 15-26.

The admissions office is open from 8 to 9 p.m. on Monday through Thursday and 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. on Friday.

If you have any troubles, counselors are available on a drop-in basis or by appointment. They are eager to serve and help students so don't hesitate to call upon them.

When you enroll, you'll have to choose from over 80 classes, so it is wise to have a list of the classes you want, as well as several alternates in case the class is full.

According to Joy Schlickenmyer, information clerk at Valley College, if you miss an appointment to enroll you can make it up either 11:30 a.m. or 8 p.m. Monday through Friday.

However, to keep registration flowing along, it is recommended that the enrollment appointment be met on time.

The whole process usually takes only 31 minutes, and then you can be on your way, prepared for an enjoyable educating experience at Valley next semester.

Financial Aid, Grants Available To Ease Students' Money Woes

Three types of financial aid grants will be available to students for the 1979-80 school year.

California State Scholarship (Cal Grant A) covers tuition only. Although such a scholarship would not apply to community college students, winners of the grants may have their money held in reserve until they transfer to a university. Financial need and grade point average will be the determinants for this scholarship; Scholastic Aptitude Test scores will not be a factor in the awarding of the grant.

The College Opportunity Grant, (Cal Grant B) is designed for students from low income families. Students are eligible for Cal Grant B if their family income is under $12,000 with one to four children, 12,700 with five children, and 13,750 with six children. Cal Grant B is limited to college freshmen only.

The Occupational Education and Training Grant, (Cal Grant C) is awarded to students showing promise in vocational fields. The benefits from Cal Grant C can range up to $2,000 per year per student.

Applications for financial aid grants are available in the Financial Aids office at the school. The deadline for the applications to be received by the California Student Aid Commission is Feb. 1, 1979.

AA at Valley: Free, Valuable

There are many advantages to earning your Associate of Arts degree at Valley College rather than at a four-year university.

Tuition is free at Valley. This is of primary importance to most people, especially low income families, persons uncertain of their career goals or those interested in learning for the pleasure that it brings them.

Also, over 85 percent of the classes offered at Valley are transferable to larger schools, either campuses (University of California) or CS (California State) universities and colleges, such as Northridge.

Classes are much smaller at Valley, rarely exceeding 60 persons. This allows more peronal attention to the student. There is also a more personal counseling department and learning skills center as well as special laboratories.

At Valley, unlike larger universities and colleges, professors are not burdened with research and publications to earn their promotions. Therefore, they can devote all of the time to teaching, which is why they are here.

If you are aiming for a degree, be it bachelor, master or PHD, these advantages are worth noting, If you're not steering in that direction, an AA degree will improve your chances of employment in the job market.

Less expensive, more personal attention, better teaching. It all adds up to an Associate of Arts degree at Valley College.

The Sky's the Limit At Child Care Center

In one area of Valley College, tricycle traffic winds its way around sand piles and jungle gyms.

It's not some new class on the psychology of regression, but Valley College's Campus Child Development Center, located on campus on the corner of Oxnard and Ethel.

It's available to children of low income eligible parents either free or at a low cost. The service is free if the parent is eligible for a state grant. If not, the fee is based on a sliding scale. Full time students (those taking 12 units or more) have priority over morning or afternoon students.

The center, first started 4 years ago, enables many women to attend college who would otherwise not be able to.

"If it weren't for the center," one parent explained, "I wouldn't be able to go to college. I had my oldest son here when the center first opened, and now I have two children who attend, and I'm very happy with the service it (the child center) gives."

Not merely a babysitting center, the center provides a variety of learning experiences such as plays, field trips, arts and crafts, animal care, music, carpentry, gardening, cooking, science experimentation, skating, and biking. Children can spend all day playing with others in their own age group, as an additional highlight to this program.

Parents who wish to attend Valley College and have small children age 2½ through third grade can receive application information by calling the center at 988-8570.

One final note of warning: The speed limit for tricyclists shall not exceed five miles per hour in this area. (DMV Code :005.)

WHEEE! All the children at the Campus Child Care Center enjoy playing as well as learning with their peers.

College Courses Available

*Occupational certificate

- *Accounting
- *Acting
- *Administration of Justice
- *Advertising Design
- Advertising
- Afro-American Studies
- *Allied Health
- Anatomy
- Anthropology
- Architecture
- Art
- Astronomy
- *Banking
- Biology
- Biology, Marine
- *Biomedical Equipment
- Botany
- *Broadcasting
- *Business
- *Ceramics Design
- Chemistry
- Chicano Studies
- *Child Development
- *Cinema Arts
- *Color TV Servicing
- *Computer/Information Science
- Cooperative Education
- *Dietetic Assistant
- *Design
- *Directing
- Drafting
- *Early Childhood Education Aide
- Earth Science
- Economics
- Education
- *Electronics
- *Engineering, Civil
- *Engineering, Electronic Drafting
- *Engineering, General
- *Engineering Geology
- English
- Environmental Studies
- *Exceptional Children Teacher's Aid
- *Family and Consumer Studies
- *Fashion & Retail Merchandising
- *Finance
- *Fire Science
- French
- General Education
- Geography
- Geology
- German
- Health
- *Health Services Management
- Hebrew
- History
- Home Economics
- *Hotel-Restaurant Management
- Humanities
- *Human Services Worker
- Industrial Arts
- *Industrial Technology/ Manufacturing
- *Insurance
- *Interior Design
- Merchandising
- *Investments
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- Jewish Studies
- *Journalism
- Law
- *Library Media Technology
- Linguistics
- *Magazine — Journalism
- *Management
- *Marketing
- Mathematics
- *Mechanical Engineering
- *Medical Assisting
- *Merchandising
- *Metal Machining Technology
- Meteorology
- Mexican-American Studies
- Microbiology
- Mineralogy
- *Motion Picture Technician
- *Music
- *Newspaper — Journalism
- *Nursing, LVN
- Nursing, RN
- Oceanography
- *Office Administration
- *Office Machines
- *Office Worker
- Personal Development
- Philosophy
- Photography
- *Photo-Journalism
- Physical Education
- Physical Science
- Physics
- Physiology
- Political Science
- Psychology
- Public Relations
- *Public Service
- Reading
- *Real Estate
- *Recreation Assistant
- *Respiratory Therapy
- Russian
- Salesmanship
- Science
- *Secretarial Science
- *Secretary, Executive
- *Secretary, General
- *Sociology
- Spanish
- Speech
- *Stage
- Statistics
- *Supervision
- *Television Technician
- *Theater Arts
- *Tool Design
- Typing
- *Volunteer Program Management
- *Word Processing
- Zoology

VA Assistance Is Available For Education

Veterans, you've done your time; you have your share of memories and stories of the service. But now it's time you look to the future, your future.

You may have thought about going back to school, but, perhaps obligations to your family and employer have interfered with those plans.

Use your educational benefits. You'll further your education and by being a part time student you can take the minimum of six units (six hours a week or the equivalent of two courses) and earn $156 a month if your single; $186 if you have a dependent.

In most cases eligibility for benefits runs for ten years from date of discharge and you need not have a high school diploma to attend Valley or any other community college; merely be deemed capable of profiting from the instruction.

For those who feel refresher courses are needed, the VA, in some cases, will pay your subsistence and won't charge these courses against your educational entitlement.

If you're interested or curious and want more information call (781-5314) or come talk to a counselor at the veterans office here at Valley.

You've done your time; now it's time you do something for yourself.

Learning Center Features Individualized Instruction

Students are finding out that learning can be fun at the Valley College Learning Center.

Kathryn Akers, Supervising Instructor at the Learning Center, estimates that more than 300 students per day use the facility, which offers completely individualized instruction through a variety of media.

The Learning Center began in 1965 in a tiny bungalow on the Van Nuys campus as an experimental program. Since then, the idea of Learning Centers has "caught fire in educational institutions all over," says Ms. Akers. Valley's Learning Center has been moved to larger facilities twice since 1965 and is presently located in the lower level of the Campus Center at the college.

The Learning Center is unique in that it allows students to learn through the medium to which they are best suited, such as audio-visual, programmed reading, etc. Students work individually at their own pace on their own projects.

Audio cassettes, video tapes, film strips, programmed books, and a speed reading machine are all available for use at the Learning Center, along with 40,000 pieces of catalog equipment.

The center is staffed by a full-time English teacher, a part-time reading consultant, and up to 50 student workers.

Several courses may be taken for credit at the Learning Center, with the advantage of totally individualized instruction. Make-up showings of Instruction Television (ITV) programs are also available.

Ms. Akers foresees an "educational revolution" in the next 10 years. She believes that more and more of the methods used for individualized instruction at the Learning Center will be incorporated in the classroom.

Anyone can use the Learning Center. First-timers to the Center listen to an 18-minute orientation tape which explains what is offered and how to use the materials. They also receive an information sheet explaining how to use the card catalog.

The Learning Center is open Monday through Thursday, 8:30 a.m. to 9 p.m., and Friday, 8:30 a.m. to 2 p.m.

Too many choices—several students ponder Valley's class schedule to decide which courses are just right for them.

Free Education at Valley For Almost 30 Years

They came.

Some 255 men and 185 women came in 1949 when Valley College threw open its doors and bellowed "free education!" to all who would listen.

In those days, most Valley students were White, from middle-class families, and right out of high school.

Today, everyone answers the call.

Women, who in past decades would have been content to cook, clean and bear children, are turning off the soap operas and ripping off their aprons to learn a new skill, polish up old skills, or simply enrich their lives.

Veterans discharge papers in one hand and GI benefits in the other, are marching straight to Valley where there is no battle for education.

Black, brown and yellow minority students from North Hollywood to Nairobi — are climbing out of their impoverished ghettos and into Valley where they have an equal chance.

Senior citizens, tired of being treated like wrinkled children, are learning again, growing again, holding their heads high again.

This semester, over 23,0000 came. All ages, all races. All economic levels. All for different reasons, but with a common goal: Learning.

Avoid Ripoffs— Keep Eye On Your Future

Through the Family and Consumer Studies courses you can learn to enhance your knowledge of nutrition, fashion, and family.

One of the specific courses offered is the Challenges of Aging, aging is a process which begins at birth. Know how to plan for the future, and to keep up with our constant changing society.

Nutrition is thought to be one of the most important courses. The value of the dollar is shrinking and food prices are constantly rising; learn how to get the most for your money.

The courses are ideal for someone seeking a career as a dietetic assistant, food service manager, or achieving personal goals toward managing a more efficient household.

Valley College: Free, Fun — for Everyone

It's a Place To Grow and Test Your Goals

DR. ALICE THURSTON

If you will pardon our pride, we think Valley College is special. Some of the reasons why we feel this way are described in this issue of the **Valley Star,** a newspaper that has consistently won high national accolades. You will be discovering for yourself other and more subtle characteristics which make Valley a fine college: the friendliness of staff, the willingness of faculty to help students, the maturity of students, the concern for issues that pervades the campus, the excellence of concerts and plays and other college activities, the courses that stimulate you and challenge you. Valley College is truly the place where there is something for everyone who wants to learn and grow as a person and discover exciting new vistas.

The vital factor is this process is you. By getting involved in the life of the College, you do something for all of us. You will make Valley part of you, and you will make it **your** college. And you will help us become stronger and more vital. Valley is a place where you can test your goals and develop your potential. For many older students, the College offers a way of staying intellectually alive. And when you need help, you must tell us, and seek out our many support services.

Sometimes students come with the crazy notion that learning is hard and dull. So it may be hard — what does one ever achieve of value that doesn't require a good deal of effort? But dull? No! Once you discover the exhilaration of learning you will be hooked — for a lifetime. This is the most satisfying addiction I know. To communicate better, to understand more, to discover new facets of yourself is the ultimate reward. And nowhere else in the world can you do this, tuition free, except in California. Millions of people thoughout the world do not have these opportunities Shakespeare wrote, "You must take the current when it serves, or lose your venture."

President

Alice Thurston

S-H.E.'s Not For Women Only

Life and college are changing. No longer the domain of kids fresh out of high school, a third of all college students today are over 25; more than half are women. The average age of a Valley College student is 27. It is predicted that by 1980 more than 11 million college students will be 35 years old or older.

Valley College is ideal for the returning student with its dual program vocational and transfer. A student can train for a new career, study for a degree, or expand his or her horizons. Returning to school can be filled with trepidation, however, and there are facilities to aid the returning student.

The S.-H.E. Center is a place ready to help. Located in campus center 108, S.-H.E. (Students in Humanistic Experience) is designed to aid the non-traditional student. A friendly greeting, a cup of coffee, and mellow music create a warm atmosphere. At S.H.E. Center there are a variety of services, counseling, a library and resource center and referrals to on and off campus services. Workshops are also conducted to stimulate personal development such as returning to school, surviving being alone, unmasking male and female relationships, and others, depending on students' desire and need.

The S.-H.E. center is also part of the Women's Return to Education program, offering a special guidance to women returning to college. Students are encouraged to drop by the center or call 781-1200 ext. 264.

HONORS STUDENT

After working for many years and feeling she was not living up to her potential, Laurie Gunby came to Valley College.

"I was bored stiff!" says Gunby, a Business/Accounting major, "and Valley changed my life."

"The biggest thrill of all is at the age of 41, being able to take my mother to the Dean's Tea." Gunby exclaims.

It's hard to believe that this is the same woman that had to have a friend drive her to Valley to enroll. "I was scared to death," she recalls.

"I owe a lot of credit to the counselors here," says Gunby, who will be receiving her AA in January and is aspiring to become a CPA.

"When I started here I had no idea I'd go on."

Gold Card Program for Seniors

Many of us seem to have a built-in stereotype of what a senior citizen should be; we can all too easily tuck them away in a rocking chair and leave them there.

But at Valley College, there is an active and eager group of senior citizens who can hardly be placed in such a scene. Rather, it's hard enough to get them to stand still long enough to talk to them.

These senior citizens, who are enrolled in credit and noncredit courses at Valley, have done so under the auspices of the Senior Adult Gold Card Program. Gold cards are issued to students 60 and over for a five dollar charge. The card then entitles them a fifty percent discount on anything on campus.

When the Gold Card program began in 1974, it consisted of 156 people, with only 16 enrolled in credit courses. As of June 1978, the program had expanded to include about 10,0000 cardholders, with over 700 enrolled in credit courses.

"We are a community college, not a junior college," stressed Lois Hamer, who is in charge of the Senior Adult program on campus. "Community service has traditionally done two things: it responded to the educational and cultural requests of the community, and it has given people the confidence that they can go back to college and they can make it. It is demonstrated by the fact that last spring semester the average grade point average for seniors was 3.26."

This spring, the Senior Adult program is featuring six non-credit courses for those enrolled in the Gold Card program. The classes range from subjects such as "Adapting to Visual Problems" and "Self-Hypnosis" to "Armchair Travel" and "Comedy Workshop."

"Comedy Workshop is extremely popular," said Hamer. "They do their own scripts and come up with all kinds of goodies.

"We also have Senior Students Club, which is very active; probably the most active student club on campus," Hamer added. "They do all kinds of programs, work on issues, and support the campus. They've done all kinds of volunteer work . . . and they have fun."

"We have goals and fund-raising projects," added Iz Leavitt, one of the founders of the club. "The Senior Club is also undertaking scholarships for senior students."

For those who are interested in what Valley College and the Senior Adult Program has to offer, information can be obtained in Bungalow 49 on the college campus.

NEVER ENOUGH—Is how Minna Rittenband, Valley's oldest student feels about education.

Physical Disability No Handicap at Valley

If you have a physical disability it won't hamper your getting a good education at Los Angeles Valley College.

The campus is relatively flat and accessible to wheelchairs. Most of the buildings have ramps leading to classrooms and such other facilities as the library, bookstore, and cafeteria.

Parking is no problem either. There are ample spaces within close range of all classes that are reserved for the disabled.

To enroll all you need to do is go to the Special Programs Office located in the Administration Building and they will take care of the rest. George Kopoulos, coordinator of Special Programs, will put his staff to work in processing your application. Specially trained and experienced counselors are there to help and advise you not only on your enrollment, but throughout the year.

Students who have permanent or temporary disabilities including orthopedic, epileptic, neurological, respiratory, blind or partially sighted, deaf, hard of hearing, cardiac, cerebral palsy, diabetes, or other disabilities, such as limiting locomotion or physical function, are qualified to receive these special services.

Many other services are offered. Some of them, located at the Learning Center, include tutoring, audio-visual aids, and a speech department for students who need individualized instruction. For the visually impaired there is a Visualtek Portable Visual Aid System that enlarges print and projects it on a screen. Books can be put on tape for listening to at your convenience. Or you may have a reader read your text to you. For the Blind there is a dictionary and a complete set of encyclopedias in Braille. Note taking is another service offered to the blind, visually impaired, deaf, or a person with limiting locomotion. For the deaf there are interpreters skilled in sign language. Various other services may be provided depending on individual need.

The Special Programs Office have wheelchairs available and a "pusher" can be provided if needed. For those with electric wheelchairs, housing and battery chargers for overnight charging are available.

Referrals may be made to the California Department of Rehabilitation (DR) for possible sponsorship at Valley. Special arrangements for books and materials can be made at the student store for all DR students.

If you're having trouble finding housing to fit your needs the Special Programs Office can help you with that also.

Got a personal problem? The Handicapped Awareness program, located in the Campus Center, is there to help you.

Almost any obstacle can be overcome with Valley's accessible campus, instructional aids, individualized counseling, and people who care.

Don't let a physical disability handicap you. Enroll now at Valley College by contacting the Special Programs Office at (213) 781-1200 ext. 267 or 781-8542 for the deaf or hearing impaired.

NO HASSLES—Students with special needs are a familiar sight and many find the atmosphere here very congenial and comfortable. Here Mark Cowan travels through Monarch Square.

"You're Never Too Old," Says Enthusiastic Senior

You are never too old for school, is the sentiment expressed by Valley College's oldest student, Minna Rittenband, 82. Rittenband was enticed to come back to school after reading a brochure she found in a shopping center in 1975.

"I wanted the stimulus of a class," says Rittenband, who enrolled in credit courses at the age of 79.

Minna Rittenband, who began teaching music at the age of 12½, dropped out of high school at the age of 15, when her father decided she had enough education. Headed for a career in music, Minna continued teaching until she tried to get into Julliard School of Music at 20. Julliard required a high school diploma which Rittenband did not have, or passing an entrance exam, which she had been advised she would not be able to do. After a short pause, she exclaimed with a proud glow, "I passed!"

Written up in Who's Who in Music as a pianist, organist, music teacher, and composer, Rittenband taught music for 67 years.

At the age of 74, Rittenband received her high school diploma from John Burroughs High School in Burbank. As to why she went back to school, "I'm greedy," she says, "I can never get enough."

How does a woman who graduated from Julliard 58 years ago feel about Valley and its teachers? "The teachers here are very learned and very far advanced."

Rittenband continues to get all A's and B's just as she did at Julliard. The biggest test of all was "to see if I could pick my brain against the younger people."

Just for You

Have you made your New Year resolution yet? If not, why not make one that has the possibility of benefiting you personally, vocationally, and economically.

Perhaps you are happy doing whatever you are doing and/or earning a good living. It does not necessarily mean you have lost the desire to expand your horizons.

Los Angeles Valley College is a public community college dedicated to servicing the whole society for whose welfare it exists.

We offer a wide array of courses, services, clubs, and organizations; it is impossible to list all that Valley has to offer you. Come on in and see for yourself, there are plenty of willing people all over campus anxious to help.

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Computers, The Future Job World

Want a high paying job in the field of computers? Valley College is the place for you.

Why pay a high fee to a private school when you can learn everything you ever wanted (or needed) to know about computers at no cost to you.

There are two excellent occupational programs offered at Valley. You can also earn your AA degree while advancing your employment opportunities. The Computer Science certificate, when earned, will allow you to enter the computer programming field. It is designed for the student who will be writing production programs for business applications such as payroll, personnel, billing, accounts receivable, accounts payable, inventory and various other accounting functions.

The Information Science certificate, when earned, will allow you to enter the more quantitive fields and the field of Data Management. It stresses the needs and problems found in information storage, organization and retrieval.

The chances for job placement are good. A Programmer/trainee may earn as much as $950 monthly.

Keeping current is so important that an advisory committee, composed of people in the computer industry, evaluates the curriculum yearly, providing the department with an update on advances in equipment, innovations, and current needs of science and business.

The computer lab is equipped with time-sharing terminals, Key punches, and a XEROX 530 computer and also uses the time sharing service (IBM-370-158-os/vs 2-tso and HASP) provided by the Community College District. This includes all major languages.

Students may work in the student lab tutoring and managing the lab under supervision, which provides direct experience in their chosen field. Users have available programming assistance from the computer learning center lab assistants days and evenings, Monday through Thursdays and days, Friday and Saturday.

The computer learning center is located in Library 120, just north of the administration building where you can enroll tuition-free.

STUDENT DATA—Hien Vu punches in a program at Valley's Computer center.

Broadcasting Certificates Available For Disc Jockeys of Tomorrow

Is your head spinning as to what field you would like to pursue?

Do you like to speak, play music, and even have the chance to become a popular disc jockey, have your own talk show, write news? Valley's broadcasting courses have been designed to help you achieve just this. Broadcasting Occupational Certificates offer the student the training to complete specified courses and they go out into the job market and signal right in on the vast opportunities now existing in broadcasting. Occupational certificate holders have a greater opportunity for advancement within the industry. The responsibility of station manager for KVCM (Valley's own broadcasting station) has been enjoyed by many students.

Excitement abounds through a relatively relaxed atmosphere while students enjoy working with the equipment and improve their skills at the same time.

"The primary purpose of the Broadcasting Dept. is to prepare students for the entry into the industry," according to Ray Walton, professor of broadcasting at Valley. Walton explained that "employment prospects in the electronic media are increasing. There are no prerequisites for any broadcasting courses, and Alan Lohr, station manager at KCVM would like more people to get involved.

STAY IN TUNE—KVCM, Valley's own radio station, is on the air 14 hours a day and offers experience for interested students.

If We May Brag . . .

If we may brag for a moment . . .

Besides offering the Associate-in-Arts degree, Valley offers Occupational Certificates in 84 different subjects.

All this learning is conducted on a campus containing, among other facilities, a learning center, a computer center, a theater, an art gallery, a motion picture studio, a recording studio, a general machine shop, a weather station, a planetarium, and a new Life Science Learning Center — made possible by a $200,000 National Science Grant.

Sports facilities include men's and women's gymnasiums, practice fields, a field house, archery range, tennis courts, a track, a ski slope, a baseball field, a swimming pool, and a lighted stadium accommodating 6,000 spectators.

Some 20 permanent buildings have been completed since 1959.

Valley College graduates include "The Captain" of the "Captain and Tennile," — Daryl Dragon — and the group's road manager — Bruno Cicotti; Roberto Castillo, pitcher for the Los Angeles Dodgers; John McElhennie, KMPC traffic reporter; author Nancy Greeneash; 1968 Olympics Gold Medal winner Arnold Schwarzald; and television personality Larry Van Nuys.

Some 17 full-time faculty members are former Valley students. Dr. Arthur Hernandez, dean of community relations at Mission College, and George Young, dean of administration at Los Angeles City College are former Valley students. Valley has even produced a college president — Dr. Louis C. Vaccaro of Sienna Heights College in Adrian, Michigan.

Breathe a Little Easier

A breath of fresh air in the Vocational Department at Valley is Respiratory Therapy. According to Joseph Estrada, a recent graduate of Valley College's Respiratory Therapy Department, "after two years of training at Valley, I received the necessary credentials to obtain my job here at Olive View Hospital. My beginning salary was averaging $1,000 a month."

Introduction to respiratory therapy classes requires no prerequisite and begins with a one hour lecture where the prospective student can decide for himself after the lecture if he really wants to pursue this vocation.

Eleven courses are offered in respiratory therapy at Valley and the need for qualified workers almost assures the graduate a job.

Individualized Vocational Testing for Your Needs

Do you feel lack of money or lack of direction keeps you from pursuing a career?

Statistics show most people do not know what career suits them. The Career Guidance Center offers both testing and counseling in vocational and career fields to enrolled students.

If money is the problem, students may be eligible for a loan, grant or student work studies. The Student Work Studies Program is especially convenient for those who have to take the bus. It allows for school and work to be centrally located, saving both time and money.

Ann Morris, director of the Career Guidance Center, welcomes "all enrolled students to come in for testing and talk about your career preference so we can help you select your right courses. We also have a library of information."

Aside from courses of study, the CC provides outside information in terms of referral to government agencies which may be of financial assistance to the student, such as Public Assistance and Vocational Rehabilitation.

Students can earn college credit by working in a related field through the Co-operative Education Program. The class meets once a week and credit is determined by hours worked.

If You Got the Need— We've Got the Club

You have an interest; you have a need; we have a club.

There are ethnic and religious clubs, political clubs, hobby clubs, educational clubs, and athletic clubs.

Whatever your niche, Valley College has a club for you.

There are some 55 clubs that function either fully or partly, through Valley College. Twenty-three of them are registered Valley College clubs, and others operate within the community.

Whether you ski or play chess, dance or swim, you can rub elbows with other people with the same interests. New clubs form every year, and if no existing club suits you, you can form your own.

Enrolled students can join for pleasure or as an aid in gaining experience in the major of their choice. Future nurses can join the nursing club; artists, the art club, and the athletically minded can join any one of several athletic clubs on campus.

Clubs hold outings, get togethers, picnics, and informative talks. All clubs gladly welcome new members at any time during the semester.

No Appointment For Counseling

In just 5-10 minutes you can meet with a counselor without an appointment at the Drop-in Desk.

Located in the Administration Lobby, counselors on duty will answer short simple questions concerning classes and services available at Valley College.

In an effort to provide answers to all of your questions, counselors advise students to write down their questions before talking to a Drop-in Counselor.

Counseling helps keep students informed of recent requirement changes as well as helping the student choose the best and most direct route to obtaining their degree.

Get a Head Start Now On a New Occupation

Those focusing their thoughts and energies toward careers have a head start at Valley College. Valley offers many vocational courses that will widen your horizons with the help of highly trained instructors that are ready, willing, and able to show you the way to a valuable career.

Vocational nursing, accounting, real estate, and advertising are just a few of some 84 career directed programs here at Valley.

To earn a degree in one of these areas it just takes two years, a well planned full-time schedule at school, and a dedicated study habit. Remember two years of Valley earns you the first two years of a four year college or university, what a sure-way short-cut.

If you were to attend a trade school, the fee would be somewhat costly for the same type of training you could be getting at Valley for free.

Classes Geared For Convenience

Holding a nine to five job and still want to attend classes? You don't have to be a daytime student to take advantage of Valley's various programs. As well as offering night classes, Valley has courses that are presented on Saturdays and in modules.

The off campus class schedule for Spring 1979 offers instruction at locations throughout the San Fernando Valley. Classes in Marketing, Finance, Business, and Child Development are just a few of the examples of different courses that are available.

Perhaps your work schedule does not allow for evening classes or off-campus instruction. Well, how about taking classes during the day? Modular classes are simply courses designed to make good use of the time you have by compacting the required hours in two or three hour doses. Check page 12 of the Spring 1979 Schedule of Classes for more information on what courses are offered. A trained counselor at Valley College can assist you in arranging a convenient schedule to enrich your education or brush up on your present vocation.

Newest Occupational Classes Arrive: Food Service Management, Plastics

Valley College will be offering a certificate in school food service management for the first time next semester.

"Valley has had most of the courses, but has not been able to issue the certificate until now," explains Jeanne Polak, assistant professor of family and consumer studies.

The new certificate program will enable those in the school food services area to upgrade their skills and become eligible for promotions.

The school food services management certificate will be accredited by the California School Food Services Association, an accreditation which is not given to those trained on the job by the Los Angeles Unified School District.

Also, anyone interested in a managerial position in school food service should be aware that after January 1979 the school district will make it mandatory that managers have had proper training for the level of position being sought. The program is very similar to the existing certificate program for diatetic assistants, with the primary difference being the work experience in schools rather than hospitals.

Students can acquire certificates for both without much additional study.

In addition to Food Service Management, VC offers a new course in plastics dealing with the latest materials, methods and products of the plastics industry.

The information presented includes materials, processing methods, product design, technical information sources, safety costs, and plant layout.

In short, there is every bit of primary information available to the student interested in plastics.

Students may pick up reservation cards at station B if they want to insure themselves of placement in the class beginning January 30, 1979.

Journalism Department Facilities And Funds Greatly Appreciated

This special edition of the Valley Star was written and edited by journalism students with the aid of Valley Star advisers and made possible by the availability of advertising funds secured by the Valley Star through the efforts of the student advertising manager. We wish to thank all those involved for their assistance in publishing this special community issue. Thanks are also extended to the Journalism Department at Valley College for the use of their facilities.

ON DUTY—In hospital practical experience is part of Valley's Nursing Program.

Exercise, Athletics; A Key to Fitness

Is your "spare tire" around your middle instead of in the trunk of your car? Do you get winded climbing the two steps to your front door? Does your daily exercise program consist of walking back and forth between your chair and your TV set to change channels?

If you answered "yes" to any one of the questions above, the Valley College Physical Education Department wants you!

Valley offers a wide variety of physical activities to get you in tip-top shape, from football, tennis, racquetball, and softball, to self-defense, sailing, bowling, backpacking. Valley's brand-new parcourse is also great for getting and staying physcially fit.

For the more serious and skilled athlete, Valley offers an intercollegiate sports program. Valley, along with six other colleges, is a member of the Metropolitan Conference for Men's, Women's, and Co-Ed Athletics.

A full program of intercollegiate athletics is scheduled by the Conference, including football, cross-country, baseball, track, basketball, gymnastics, swimming, water polo, golf, tennis, wrestling, volleyball, softball, and co-ed badminton.

For those who wish to participate in competitive sports, but who are not members of the intercollegiate teams, a program of intramural sports is also carried on during the year.

With the variety and types of physical education classes and activities that Valley offers, there is practically no excuse to be inactive anymore. Besides meeting new people, you won't have to exercise alone, and you'll be doing your body and your health a favor.

Arts: Fulfilling Transferable

Visual and performing art is a key program at Valley College. The Art, Music, and Theater Arts buildings house classes where students can fulfill their creative drives.

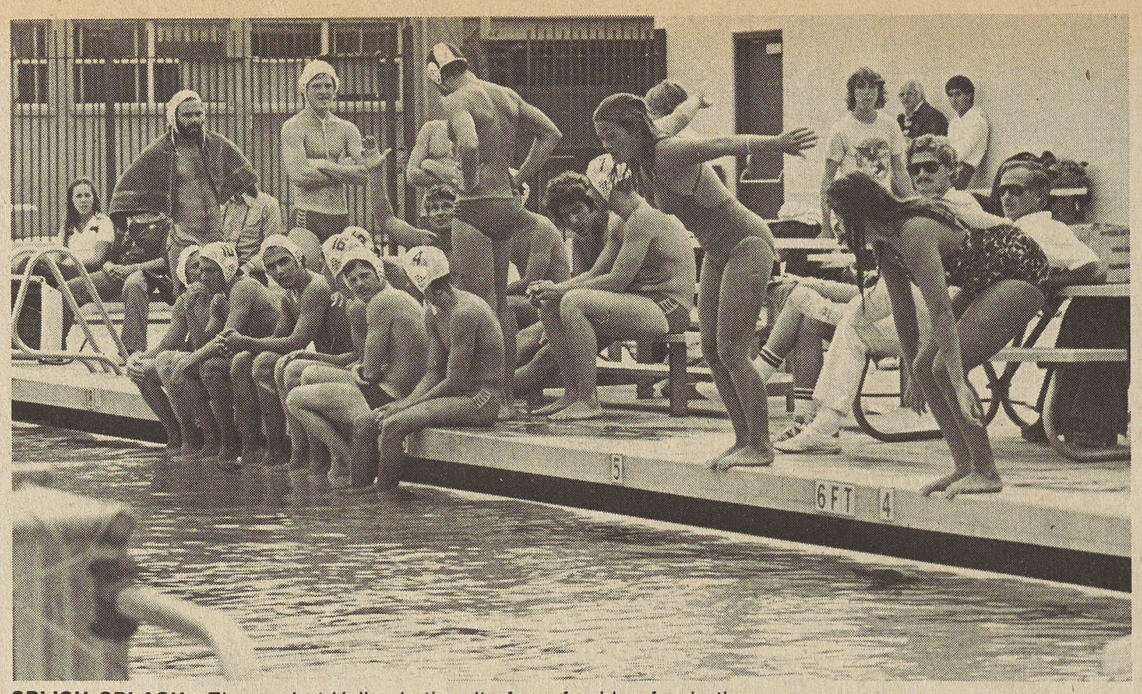
All of Valley's Arts are transferrable to four year institutions, and there are vocational programs leading to occupational certificates in several areas.

The visual arts, housed in the art building range from Beginning Design to print making workshop, with ceramics, sculpture, paining, drawing, and advertising art in between.

A favorite of students at Valley, visual arts offers something for anyone with creative needs. A good place to start is Beginning Design or Drawing I; these classes require no art training and have no prerequisites.

The Music Dept. offers many courses for anyone with a desire for a greater understanding of music. Valley has its own symphony, jazz band, chorale, and a cappella choir. Every field of music is taught, from traditional to modern for students with either a career goal or just for self fulfillment.

Valley's Theater Arts Department, too, offers a wide range of transfer, vocational, and recreational programs. A combination of expert instruction and professional facilties provide students with training in all aspects of motion picture production. In Theater Arts 53 each student makes a commercial using super 8 equipment. Acting, Playwriting, Stagecraft, and Costume Design are also offered. Students can earn an occupational certificate in these and other areas.



SPLISH SPLASH—The pool at Valley is the site for refreshing fun in the sun.

Planning to Purchase a New Home? Learn to Buy and Sell Real Estate

There was never a better time to get into real estate than now and Valley College is the place to get the training. Valley College has one of the finest, most comprehensive real estate programs in the state of California. Valley is scheduling an increasing number of modular classes that meet once a week for three hours.

Valley College is one of the top three colleges in the state with real estate programs, both in number of classes and students, and the instructors are definitely number one. There is a continuous effort being made to upgrade the quality of instructors with periodic workshops that keep the instructors up-to-date on the latest developments in the real estate field.

Visual aids are used extensively in the instructional program. Forms and documents are furnished to Valley by various title companies, escrow companies, and real estate firms for student use. The California Department of Real Estate has designated Valley College as one of six distribution centers throughout the state for the purpose of sharing a series of film which are widely used in real estate curricula.

Valley College also has a cooperative education program where students may gain college credit while attending school and working in their respective fields. There are scholarships available to eligible students. For interested students Valley offers a colorful real estate brochure entitled "Careers in Real Estate." The course includes discussion concerning many things that a student may want to know about real estate, such as opportunities, qualifications, costs, etc.

The job at hand, then, is for increased counseling and advising, and for continuous reappraisal of the program to be sure it is not only relevant, but tests its efficiency to see that the student is learning, so that he may later apply those concepts learned to a lifelong experience of satisfying his wants and those of society.

Two Tongues Is An Advantage

"Anyone who has a bilingual background can find easier job placement in Southern California," according to Carmen Salazar Parr.

As assistant chairman of the evening foreign language program, Parr has been in a position to see the effects of a working knowledge of Spanish on her students as she saw them rise in position in several different fields.

According to Angelo Villa, PhD and head of Valley's Foreign Language Department, "There are beginning Spanish classes at all hours of the day and many offered at night. In addition, Spanish 14 is especially geared for public service personnel. We have classes at the Broadway Store tempered for retail personnel and another at Valley Hospital for nurses and other personnel dealing with the Spanish speaking public."

Amongst the services the Foreign Language Department provides is information on how to fill out application forms and personal matters such as public assistance, food stamps and vocational rehabilitation.

Villa was responsible for guiding several of his students on tours through Spain, Portugal, and Morrocco several summers to further their experience of the Spanish culture.

In addition to Spanish, Valley College teaches Italian, French, Russian, German and Hebrew. Most do not have prerequisites, so previous knowledge of foreign languages is not necessary.

Come On In– The Water's Just Right!

Students enrolling in swimming courses no longer need leave campus for such classes due to the completion last spring of Valley's pool.

In the past, private pools were leased by the college for such courses as water polo, water ballet, beginning and advanced swimming.

Students not enrolled in swimming courses may, between 11 a.m. and noon on Tuesdays and Thursdays, use the pool to keep in shape, relax, or to practice their diving from either the high or low diving boards.

Special facilities, though not yet completed, are being built to accommodate the handicapped.

The pool is located between the Men's and Women's Gym and students wishing to use the pool must furnish their own towels and swim suits. The "basket system" is used rather than locker facilities — that is, students check in their valuables and are given a number by a security guard. The valuables are then placed in the appropriately numbered basket. To reclaim them the proper number must be presented to the guard.

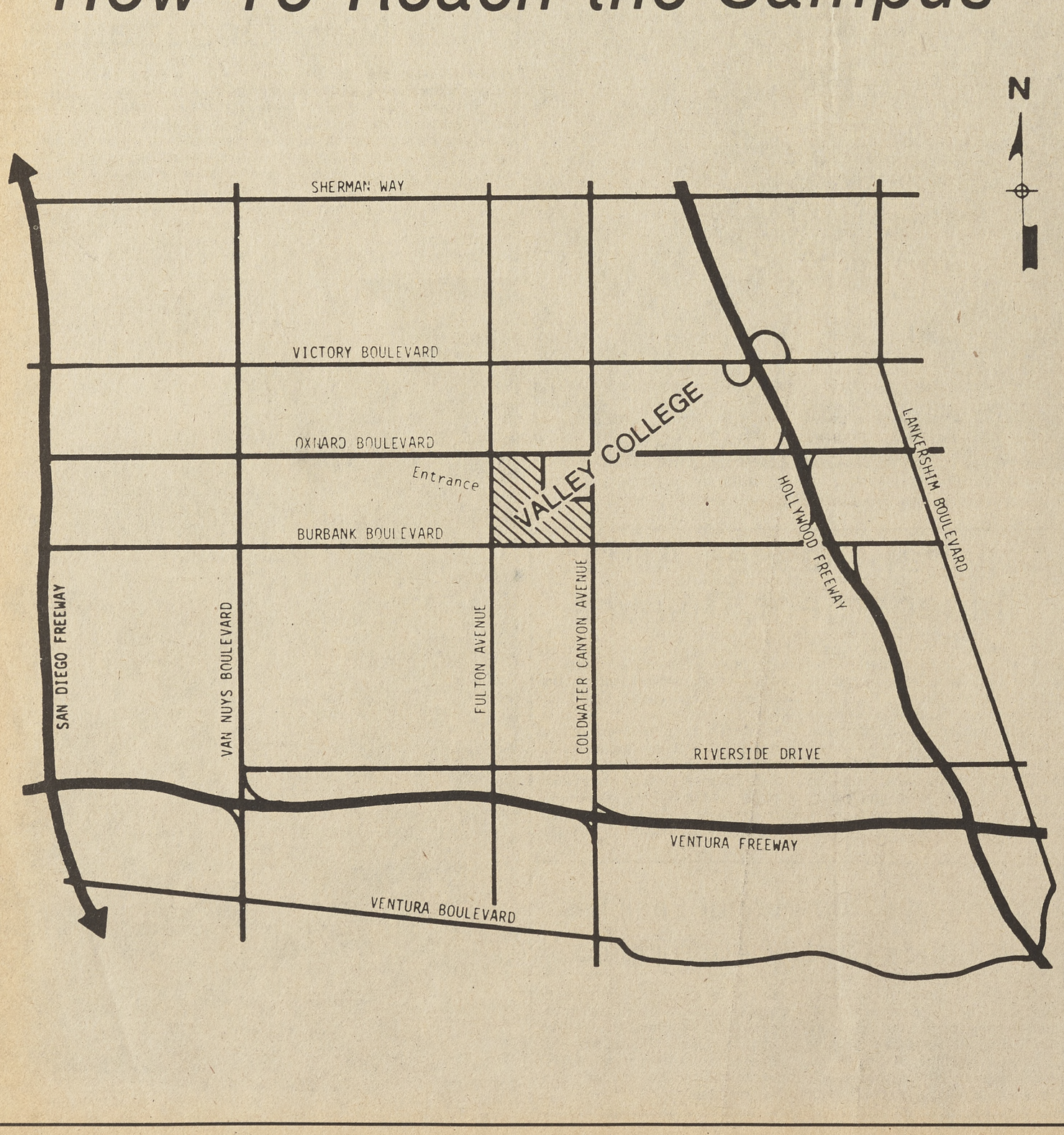
Though solar energy was proposed as an alternate source of heating, the pool is currently heated by conventional means.

Remember, you need not be enrolled in swimming courses to take advantage of Valley's pool.

"Valley College is good and nice and I like the education I'm getting here. The teachers are pleasant and the campus is so clean.

Lynita Davis
Political Science major

How To Reach the Campus



Valley Library: Peaceful, Quiet, And Informative

If you're looking for a special book, a certain magazine article, you need to do some research, or just want to sit and study in peace and quiet, the Valley College library is the place to go.

One of the largest in the Valley, the college library shelves more than 110,000 books. Its card catalog lists not only all the books in the library, but also all the audio cassettes, video cassettes, filmstrips, slides, and programmed books in the Learning Center. There are up-to-date indexes to help you locate the exact information you need in books, magazines, and pamphlets.

Many reference books, including dictionaries, encyclopedias, yearbooks, and volumes of collective biography, such as **Who's Who in America**, are also available for use in the library.

In the periodicals room you can find current information on every topic imaginable. The library subscribes to over 800 magazines and journals, ranging from **Accounting Review** to **Mademoiselle** to **Zoologica**. Among the ten daily newspapers received are the **New York Times**, the **Christian Science Monitor**, and the **Wall Street Journal**.

A pamphlet collection, also located in the periodicals room, is filed in folders by subject and is kept constantly up-to-date. There are also files which contain materials giving information about vocations and professions.

If you need guidance in finding a book, magazine, or information on a certain topic, a staff of eager-to-help and experienced librarians is always available to assist you.

All enrolled students can check out library materials by showing their I.D. card. The library is open Monday though Thursday, 7 a.m. to 9 p.m., and Friday, 7 a.m. to 4 p.m.

We Have Jobs: Enjoy Learning While Earning

If there is a common bond among Valley College students, it is trying to pay the bills. The education is free, but food, books, housing, and gasoline are not.

That is where the Placement office comes in. Located at the north side of the Campus Center, the office helps students find part or full time employment while in school and full time positions after graduation.

A display case outside the office shows new listings each day, and inside there are hundreds more listings on cards, describing the type of job, pay, location and qualifications.

To register a student must show a student ID, fill out an application, choose jobs interested in and see a 15 minute slide show orientation. Once registered, the student remains on file for the duration of his or her stay at Valley.

Most jobs listed in the office are in nearby communities, so working students can easily commute from

Associated Student Body Fee: Good for Parking and Events

Valley is free, but for an optional nominal fee you can become a member of the Associated Student Body. The $6.50 fee collected at the time of registration can provide a multitude of services and events.

No, it's not a mandatory charge, but if you'd like to park on campus it's one way to avoid a parking ticket.

Athletes who relied heavily on funding which no longer exists are aided by the ASB.

Discounts are given to a variety of college functions, theater productions, concerts, and athletic events for those with a paid ID.

Valley's Crown Magazine would have become obsolete without funding from the Associated Student Body.

Free legal aid by an attorney on campus is available to students due to ASB funding.

Many scholarships and on campus jobs are available thanks to the ASB.

Without the funding from your Associated Student Body fee there would be no lectures, dances, jazz concerts, Crown Magazines, awareness weeks, and various other activities which make Valley great.